

# Bulletin

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**Next meeting:** Thursday, December 8 at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation. Come around 6  
Chuck Lobb, KN6H, has a presentation on Greenland, and some great prizes will given out. Cost of the top sirloin meal is \$17.50 per person, and our club treasurer, Don, W6UY, needs a check by December 5. His address is 5618 Scotwood Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes 90274. Wives and friends are welcome.

Here is a recent photo of BY1PK. They are putting in a far better signal these days and more QSOs are being reported, not only with visitors but with ops Wang, Yan and Tong.

Tks, CQ of Japan



## Lew McCoy's most unusual DX contact

By Lew McCoy, W1ICP

In the era 1946-49 I lived in Chicago and then for a period in Missouri. I was a real DX hound—mostly 10 meters, CW and phone, and, of course, a daily morning check on 20. If you ask Charlie, W1FH, he'll be the first to tell you that we were going nip and tuck to see who would be the first DXCC post-war. He of course won, but I am sure I beat him out with an all 10-meter DXCC just a few weeks after he got Number 1.

I have to tell you about the QSO and QSL I considered the most unusual in my ham career. Some of you might have been active when BY1PK came on back in the 50s. I can talk about that contact now, which I couldn't previously for many reasons I won't go into. In any event, BY1PK came on every morning, very strong, just above 14100 on CW, but he would only work stations in the Communist sphere. In fact, though countless American hams called him without success, I never bothered.

However, one morning when he was particularly loud and making long CQs without success, I thought—what the hell!—and gave him a long, long call and only signing my call once at the very end. He came back on, sending *dit*, long pause, another *dit*, and suddenly he sent *ICP UR RST 599 VY STRONG LEW DE BY1PK*. I sent *TNX* and a report, and that was all. *Sonnuvagun*, I thought to myself, *the guy knows me—why else the "Lew?"*

Getting the QSL was really something else, and much of which I still can't talk about. However, to make a long story short, one day I received a diplomatic pouch letter that had two QSLs in it, one for me and the other for John, W6YY. I mailed John's off to him. To my knowledge, these are the only two original China BY1PK cards in the USA. I had worked China previously, but not as a W1. The big laugh for me was when I finally got an explanation of why BY1PK, Vesso, had called me "Lew" in that QSO. Turns out that his first rig was one of my 6L6/807 jobs in QST.

一九五八年国际无线电台友好竞赛

1958 international friendly wireless operator's  
highspeed receiving and transmitting contest.

ur sigs rst BY1PK  
on.!! W... 1958... at 2015 pk

中华人民共和国 北京 中国人民无线电俱乐部  
the chines people's wireless club.

peking, the people's republic of china.

Vesso was a European, not Chinese, and he was there to get a 10-kW rig going. That is why his signal was so loud!

You have to understand about DX and working at ARRL—particularly being on the Awards Committee. No Headquarters employee was allowed to be on the Honor Roll, so really, the only people who knew what DX we HQ people had were amongst ourselves, and even then we didn't tell each other. I can understand the rule about HQ employees and DX and contest operating because in all truth, we had to be like Caesar's wife: pure as the driven snow.

Like Charlie, W1FH, I got fed up with lists and DX operating methods in general. Oh, I still chase a new one, list or not, to keep my totals intact, but I don't have to like it. Believe it or not, I know of several hams who have all the deletions but have never submitted a QSL card to anyone—and probably never will. Their's is a joy of personal accomplishment, and the word *personal* prevails.



# Operating from Tibet, the roof of the world

By Jan Perkins, N6AW

Homer, W6GFE, was giving 20 meters the usual scan before going to work: *What's this? It couldn't be—AC4!*

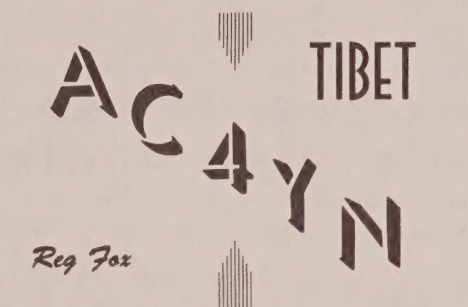
Marv, W6VFR, had always claimed that August was AC4 month, and Homer found it to be true when he worked AC4YN, AC4NC and AC4RF all in the same morning.

One of the most sought-after stations on the air was Reg Fox, AC4YN. He had been with the British Embassy in Lhasa, Tibet, since 1936. He was always good for a QSL and became known as the ticket to WAZ. Reg was QRP with a storage battery and 20 watts to a 6L6. Before WWII, he often worked John, AC4JS, in Choni. John was a missionary and had been in the area since the mid 1920s. Unfortunately, the station was not reactivated after the war.

Chak, AC4NC, was active in 1948 from the Indian Mission in Lhasa, having just spent two years as AC3NC. Running a whopping 25 watts to a dipole, he found the pileups as big as ever.

Bob Ford, AC4RF, came to Tibet in 1948. He was first licensed as AC3SS two years earlier. He spent two months in 1949 traveling from Lhasa to Chiamdo in eastern Tibet. Believed to be the first Caucasian to complete the journey, he operated a 15-watt QRP rig daily. Marv's QSL reads *Operating from a 6-volt storage battery*. Bob kept a daily sked with Reg. At 12,000 feet the population is a little sparse, and one gets lonely.

Many atlases of the time show Chiamdo in China. Several stations asked Bob about



To Radio W6VFR Confirming our Port/CW QSO of 10-1-54 QRG 17 Mc/s. IST 20.5 hrs. RST 49-9-1 Input 25 watts Ant 1000

**AC4NC**  
LHASA (TIBET)

Remarks Ased to work on 10-1-54

ONR. OP. N. CHAKRAVARTY.  
P. O. GYANTSE, LHASA, TIBET.

A Hpe CUAGN Vy Sn.  
Pse QSL direct or via  
Amateur Radio Club, India  
R C P. O. Mhow (Central India).  
(or P. O. Box 6666, Bombay 20)  
I 73's 4444

this, and he would explain that Tibetians didn't draw maps; the Chinese did. The culture, language, government and inhabitants of Chiamdo were Tibetan.

China occupied Tibet in October 1950. Bob was detained and later charged with spying. Among the offenses listed was spreading "separatist propaganda" (claiming Chiamdo was in Tibet). After five years he was released and went back to England.

Tibet had been silent for two years when Char, AC4NC, got on the air in 1953. Operating from the Indian Mission, he relayed word that Reg Fox was a silent key, and Bob Ford was off the air "for unspecified reasons."

Er. route from **LHASA** to CHIAMDO  
To Radio W6VFR Eastern Tibet

**AC4RF**

Portable

QTH, 6 GYANTSE P.O., Tibet,  
VIA SILIGURI, W. BENGAL, INDIA.

Confirming QSO on 29/5/49 at 2047 time on 14 Mc/s.  
Your Signals R.S.T. 599 CW/Paper

Pse QSL via R.S.B. or direct. 73. Bob  
R. W. FORD.

RADIO W6GZ

THIS CONFIRMS OUR 17 MC CONTACT AT 144 GMT 7-1-54

YOUR CW SIGNALS WERE RST 5.6

QSL DIRECT OR VIA A.R.S.I., BOX 534, NEW DELHI, INDIA.

TNX QSL.

**AC4AX**

73 Shankar 3-1-54  
"SHANKAR"  
D. S. SEAL  
INDIAN CONSULATE  
LHASA, TIBET  
VIA CALCUTTA, INDIA

Deb Shankar Seal, VU2AC, was in the Indian consulate in Lhasa most of 1958 and 1959. Many had worked him as FN8AD a few years earlier. Signing AC4AX, he was very popular on 20-meter phone. When he returned to India, Tibet would not see activity again for five years, not until Gus, AC5A/AC4, made a whistle stop one night under cover of darkness. China annexed Tibet in June 1974, thus ending the border dispute.

Thanks for comments from W6FR, W6YO (ex-TA3AA), W6AM, N6ZO, W6PN, W8GZ and AC4RF.

## Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Neil Kaltman, K6SMF, SCDXC president.

Irv, W6GC, advised that operators will be needed to man the three Olympic amateur radio stations being assembled. The stations will be operational, with special call signs, from July 15 to August 15. Volunteers should contact Irv at his home.

Alternate repeater sites are being studied, Cleyon, AD6P, announced. Unauthorized use of the machine is still a problem. The board is considering various ways to reduce this.

ARRL representative WA6WZO, Fried, updated us on coming activity, November 28 is still go for the shuttle launch. Listen to W1AW bulletins for late-breaking information.

The Christmas Dinner is December 8 at the Proud Bird Restaurant, Neil reminded us. Reservations are a must. Send your checks (\$17.50 a person) to Don Moses, W6UY.

Al, K6YRA, noted that DL7NS will be portable HB0 January 3-30, looking for W6s on the lower bands at our sunrise. He'll also be on the new WARC bands.

FB8ZQ is leaving Amsterdam Island, according to Tex, N6AHV. He reported that FW will be targeted later this month by 3D2DM. A December possibility is KC7UU/5U7. JT1AO is QSY to XV5 in January and hopes to operate. Peter Island may be activated in 1984 with a 3Y call. A YV group is planning on YV0AA in early 84, and VK9NS/Kermadec is a strong possibility.

Wayne, N6NB, began the program at 8:50. He gave a brief overview of the XE2SI operation last month in the CQWW Phone Contest. More than 11,000 QSOs were made on six bands, with a final score of 14 million points.

He continued with his main program, a demonstration of computers and their application to amateur radio. For VHF work, a program of geographic grid locations will furnish very accurate beam headings. Many high gain VHF antennas have a beamwidth

of just a few degrees. A program to indicate the exact sunrise/sunset information versus time of year and latitude was demonstrated. The apparent sunrise/sunset is somewhat inaccurate due to atmospheric reflection.

Wayne also demonstrated a contest logging program, which indicates dupes and sorts multipliers. Wrapping up, he demonstrated the difference in computing time between various models.

After the prizes were handed out, Neil closed the meeting at 10 PM.

Prizes: B&K 111 circuit tester to KA6ISX, Kenwood HS6 phones to W6AM, Torque Driver to K6MHA, Antronic 4-circuit outlet to KC5JK, Ken-Tech clock to W6MBV, Interference Handbook to ND6G, ARRL Antenna Handbook to KM6B, Beam Antenna Handbook to KB6UI, DX Map Library to KD6WI, Cubical Quad Handbook to W6MVB and W6JC, Hints & Kinks to W6COJ, ARRL RFI Handbook to KB6UI, FCC Rulebook to N6OU and KA6ISX, DX Guide to KG6AR, Coax Seal to KA6SKJW and KD6TM, SCDXC Stamps to W6VZZ and W6VQT.

—N6AW



## DX news

**Knights of Malta** operation being discussed for late December or early January.

**10, 18 & 24 MHz** are now available to amateurs in Portugal.

**S79SM** worked on 14018 at 18z; cards to Box 84, Mahe.

**DL7NS/HB0** January 6-28. Klaus says he'll be listening on 80 meters for W6/7 at Liechtenstein sunrise and will have good antennas and power 10-80, including the WARC bands. Certain days, he says, "I'll be active from a very high mountain." QSL DL7NS.

UK2FAH reported on 7012 at 1425...3B9FK  
7005 at 0230...TU2JT 7015 at 0600...Z22JS  
7015 at 0355...FB8WK 7006 0115...3B8CF  
7005 1426...UK2FAH 7012 1425...4K1GDW  
7005 0340...LZ2KSN 7001 1500.

3A2EE 3793 0115...T2GSH 3795 around  
1130...UB5JMR 3502 1330...EA8RL 3503  
0445...VS6DO 3501 1050...4K1GDW 3506  
0420.

**6W8** stations signing **6V** for **WCY**. **DK7PE/6W8** reported on 7005 at 0700 and on 14025 at 0300.

**DL1VU** at various Pacific stops, including **KC6 E. Carolines, C21, T30, T2, 5W1, KH8,** and **ZM7.** Mostly CW, bottom 10-80, listening 1-5 up.

**D68GA** worked on 14025 at 1615, 7030 at 0300, and 40 USB at 0130.

**J28DX** 14018 1550...**4S7EA** 14188 0115...  
**TJ1QS** 14025 1630....



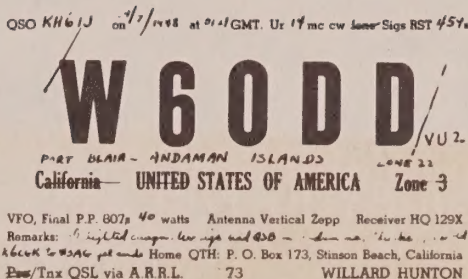
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*This interesting card from Nose, KH6IJ, reveals that Willard, W6ODD, stopped in the Andamans while enroute to CR8.*

## Contest calendar

Dec 3-5.....	<b>ARRL 160-Meter</b>
Dec 10-11.....	<b>ARRL 10-Meter</b>
Jan 7-8.....	<b>73 40/75-Meter SSB</b>
Jan 14-15.....	<b>73 160-Meter SSB</b>
Jan 27-29.....	<b>CQWW 160 CW</b>
Jan 28-29.....	<b>French CW</b>
Feb 4-5.....	<b>RSGB 7-MHz Phone</b>
Feb 11-12.....	<b>Dutch PACC</b>
Feb 18-19.....	<b>ARRL DX CW</b>
Feb 24-26.....	<b>CQWW 160 SSB</b>
Feb 25-26.....	<b>French Phone</b>
Feb 25-26.....	<b>RSGB 7-MHz CW</b>
Mar 3-4.....	<b>ARRL DX Phone</b>
Mar 24-25.....	<b>CQWW WPX SSB</b>

—W1WY

## State of the bands

Ten-meter openings have been brief and scarce. European openings run 15 minutes to an hour, sometime between 15 and 18z. Africa openings are a bit longer, falling between 17 and 20z. South America is more reliable, around 20-24z. The South Pacific appears about the same time, and Southeast Asia around 01-02z.

Fifteen has much more activity as ten winds down. Europeans are heard as early as 1430z, and are sometimes copied all afternoon. North Africa starts about 1630z, and Central South Africa 18-23z. Central Asia openings about 02z are frequent.

Twenty long path has been early, and good. Those with quiet locations start working stations as early as 1230z. From 14-1530z the Middle East and Europe are coming in. Southeast Asia is also loud at that time, if anyone is on. Many West Europeans are also heard short path at the same time.

Forty long path is in its heyday. On a good day, the LP opens at 1330z. Zone 21 is copied 14-15z, and Zone 39 until 1530z. West Africa can be worked as late as 16z, and SE Asia until 17z.

Eight long path has opened numerous times to the Middle East at sunrise (1415-1430) and Zone 39 has been worked about the same time.

—N6AW

## Letters

Dear Friends,

We attended the ARRL National Convention in Houston, Texas, the first part of October, and then proceeded directly to Bogota, Colombia, S.A. We were assigned the call W6QL/HK3 and, in the next two weeks, made 6,000 QSOs with amateurs in 133 countries. We were on all bands and worked about half the time on CW and half on phone. We were assigned our calls almost immediately due to the help of our new YASME director, Fred Laun, HK3NBB, and the Amateur Radio Club of Colombia which in Spanish is called *Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados*.

This is a very fine club; the president, HK4BHC, is a man whom we had previously met in the U.S.A. Many of the other persons in the amateur licensing field are women. For example, the lady in charge of license applications from the club to the government is HK3AVH. The chief of the government licensing section is also a lady. Above her is the Vice Minister of Communications, another lady who is the daughter of the Colombian Counsel General in San Francisco, whom we had met in the U.S.A., and who kindly sent a letter to his daughter asking her to help us obtain our Colombian radio calls promptly. Another young lady amateur, HK3FKL, who speaks excellent English and Spanish, helped us and acted as interpreter on several occasions.

Bogota is high in the Andes and remains cold most of the time. In fact, it was much colder than we anticipated.

**Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL**

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CUSTOMIZED QSLs by W6BA, \$19.75 for 1000 plus shipping. No standard forms. We try to print what you want. Black ink on color 110-pound stock. Write for samples. Bill Adams, W6BA; Star Route 2, 29 Palms, CA 92277

WANTED: 75S3 rcvr with double xtal deck and 200-Hz filter; round emblem preferred. Don, W6AM (213) 424-3459 or 377-4120.

VIKING phone patch: \$25. Kantronics Hamtext software for VIC20; excellent—just back from factory with latest updates: \$75. Mike, W6YQ (213) 445-0700.

**ESTATE SALE:** Triex HS471, 70-foot, crankup, guyed tower, heavy duty with 40/1 worm-driven wench, extra guy strand and hardware: \$600. Telex Tailtwister rotor, including control and cable: \$125. Wilson 10 and 15-meter interlaced beams, 3-el 10-meter and 4-element 15-meter: \$50. Wilson 5-element 20-meter: \$60. Quad, 3-element, fiberglass-wrapped bamboo arms (less wire) and aluminum 16-foot boom: \$20. Ringo Ranger 2-meter w/misc. aluminum tubing: \$20. ART 13 tx and ps in good condition: \$45. Model 15 TTY w/table, good condition: \$20. Four-kW generator and dolly, 120/240 v., 60 Hz, Briggs & Stratton 8 HP; Purchased new in 1983 with less than five hours' actual use: \$525. Perry, W6PN (805) 969-5152.

**ANTENNAS FOR SALE/TRADE:** Custom high-performance 20-meter, 4-element Yagi w/40-foot boom and SS hardware (two available). Custom 15-meter, 6-element Yagi, 47-foot boom. KLM 15-meter, 6-element Yagi, new in the box. 80-meter Cliff-Dweller. 40/80-meter Cliff-Dweller. Alan, K6GA (714) 962-5940 after 7 PM.



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## Activity reports

**K6YRA:** ZP5JCY 3798 0325, CE8ABF 3798 0327, EA9JV 7078 0358 (Oct 27); T2ADX 7085 1322, (Oct 28); Contest 7MHz: TU2NW 0150, CT2FH 0156, KC7UU/5N6 0229, TR8IG 0439, JA2YKC/JD1 1202, ZK2IK 1227, 3D2ZM 1244, FK0AQ 1259, (Oct 29); ZP5JAL 0200, W8BI/VE2 (Z2) 0216, CE0AE 0348, RW9A 0413, 7P8DB 0433, UQ2GDQ 0514, ZS3E 0522, KC4AAA 0602, ZD7BW 0612, T30AC 1029, VK2LHI (Lord Howe) 1046,

C21RK 1249, YB5AQD 1416 (Oct 30); BY1PK (JA1BK) 14MHz 0254 (Nov 3); 4U1UN 3797 0309 (Nov 6); AD1S/KH5 3795 1422 (Nov 7); DF3NZ/ST2 14176 1616 (Nov 13); YO3KWJ/YO3CD 7052 1435 (Nov 16); FB8WJ (QSL W4FRU) 14209 0301 (Nov 19); HZ1AB 7075 1439, LZ1KDP 7079 1441, FR0GA (N6ZV op) 14155 1523 (Nov 20); FR0GA 7070 1442, ZL8AFH 3800 0804, ZK1CG 3807 0817, AP2SQ 14167 1334, AP2ZA 14167 1335 (Nov 24).